

**Joint Meeting of the Jones Library, Inc. and the Town Libraries' Board of Trustees and the Historical Commission
January 12, 2022 6:30 p.m. meeting conducted via Zoom webinar**

- Jones Library Members Present: Austin Sarat, Lee Edwards, Alex Lefebvre, Farah Ameen, Tamson Ely, and Bob Pam
 - Historical Commissions Members Present: Jane Wald, Becky Lockwood, Pat Auth, Katherine Davis, Jan Marquardt, Hetty Startup, Benjamin Breger (Planning Department)
 - Also Present: Sharon Sharry, Ann Marshall, Carly Regalado, Eric Gradoia, and members of the public and press
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- I. Historical Commission meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with agenda items to be completed before joint committee meeting is called.
- II. Comments from Jane Wald prior to calling meeting of Library Trustees to order - Original impetus of report - Jane was one of the people who wanted the historic structure report because she felt it could be a marker for how we talk about the Library and the future direction of the Library. In creating the document the hope was to document, honor, and preserve important and significant elements of this important community structure. Also created to provide an objective benchmark for being able to prioritize the significance of historic features of the building as we contemplate change.
- III. Commented that it is a compelling and clear report in its assessment of the building. Has given all of us a helpful tool in forward planning.
- IV. Jones Library Board of Trustees meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.
- V. **Historic Structures Report**
 - A. Eric Gradoia presented Historic Structures report.
 - B. In 2017 town meeting allocated funds for the project.
 - C. Center passage stair, gambrel roof, and elaborate frontis pieces are three distinct features of the 'new house' style of the Connecticut River Valley style. Eric commented that he can't site another example of a civic building similar to this one. It is a really unique piece of architecture.
 - D. Suggested looking at the HH Richardson designed libraries; Ames, Quincy and Woburn as good references.
 - E. Sarat expressed deep appreciation for the work done in the report and delight to hear that in their opinion the building has been so well cared for by the Library Directors and Trustees over the years.
- VI. **Public Comment**
 - A. Sarah McKee would like to give credit to Alan Hyle, preservation specialist hired by Library to make sure woodwork was properly taken care of. Concern about Amity Street facade. In 2017 HPR for Amity Street Facade based on use of CPA funds for chimneys. Appears there might have to be some modifications to the current plans to comply with the HPR.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Lefebvre